

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

CHARLES PRITCHETT,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 08-12276

Hon. John Corbett O'Meara

ERMA SPANE,

Defendant,

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**ORDER DISMISSING PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR LACK OF SUBJECT  
MATTER JURISDICTION**

Before the court is a self-styled pro se complaint in which Plaintiff Charles Pritchett alleges a child custody dispute against Defendant Erma Spane. The parties are diverse. However, it is rare that the court involves itself in child custody matters. They are better handled by state authorities. Further, Pritchett fails to allege that there is an amount of over \$75,000 in controversy.<sup>1</sup> See 28 U.S.C. § 1332. For these reasons, Plaintiff's complaint is DISMISSED for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

S/John Corbett O'Meara

United States District Judge

Dated: June 4, 2008

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<sup>1</sup>Although Pritchett states he is owed money by an ex-supervisor at Jernberg Forgings Company in Chicago. However, neither the supervisor nor the company are named defendants in this suit. Also the amount in controversy is indeterminate.

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was mailed to the parties of record on this date, June 4, 2008, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

s/William Barkholz

Case Manager